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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/518,380

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STAPEL, ANTON

Examiner

LIVIOUS R. CAZAN

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-24 and 26-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19-21 and 28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-18, 22-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of species A1, B2, and C1 in the reply filed on 6/24/2008 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 19-21 and 28-30 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 6/24/2008.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. In particular, the phrase "the [...] conductor" (line 4) lacks proper antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. **Claims 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 26, and 27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagate (JP04370669). Also refer to the corresponding machine translation.

8. Nagate discloses placing copper wires provided with an insulating lacquer (3, Figs. 1; see para. [0001] of the machine translation) in contact with each other, and at least partially enclosing the wires within an inherently rigid electrically conductive material (2) in the form of a sleeve/cup; arranging the at least partially enclosed and contacting wires between an anvil (17, Fig. 3) and a sonotrode (14, Fig. 3) of an ultrasonic welding device; and subjecting the region to ultrasound, causing relative movement between the wires and between the wires and the electrically conductive material, and causing deformation of the electrically conductive material, the relative movement causing the insulating lacquer of the wires to be broken away in the contact regions, and a fixed connection is formed between the electrically conductive material and the contacting wires, simultaneously with an electrically conductive connection between the wires. See paragraphs [0019] and [0020] of the machine translation.

9. The material is connected in a force-fitting manner (crimped) to the lacquered wires and the wires are connected to the material (conductive carrier) by ultrasonic welding. The electrically conductive material is a sheet metal strip which is crimped around the wires.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

11. **Claim 16** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagate in view of Harris (US3111554).

12. Nagate disclose substantially the same invention as the Applicant, except for enclosing an non-insulated conductor with the material, along with the lacquered wires.

13. Harris shows that it is known to join together lacquered and non-insulated wires to produce an electrical connection (see the figures and col. 1).

14. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize the process of Nagate to join such wires, in order to form an electrical connection therebetween.

15. **Claim 24** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagate.

16. Nagate discloses the same invention as the Applicant, except for the material comprising copper.

17. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize copper as part of the electrically conductive material, because copper has high electrical conductivity, thereby reducing resistive losses as current passes through it.

Response to Arguments

18. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

19. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIVIUS R. CAZAN whose telephone number is (571)272-8032. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 6:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571)272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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